

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the manual sheet supply unit supplies the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet in a horizontal direction, and the conveying member conveys the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet in a vertical direction.

4. (Currently amended) A sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus comprising:

a manual sheet supply unit to supply a special sheet and a sheet other than the special sheet, wherein the mass of the special sheet is larger than the mass of the sheet other than the special sheet;

a conveying member to convey the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet supplied from the manual sheet supply unit toward an image forming process unit; and

a sheet guide provided between the manual sheet supply unit and the conveying member, having special sheet ribs to control both sides of the special sheet that is inserted and guided by the special sheet ribs, and to guide the sheet other than the special sheet by passing the sheet other than the special sheet on [the] an upper surface of the special sheet ribs, wherein the sheet guide further has a pressing member between the special sheet ribs that supports a side of the sheet other than the special sheet by pressing, and descends by a weight of the special sheet when the special sheet is inserted between the special sheet ribs.

5. (Currently amended) The sheet feeder ~~apparatus~~ in an image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the pressing member is made of a polyester film ~~that descends by an empty weight of the special sheet when the special sheet is inserted.~~

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the manual sheet supply unit supplies the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet in a horizontal direction, and the aligning rollers convey the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet in a vertical direction.

9. (Currently amended) A sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus comprising:

a manual sheet supply unit to supply a special sheet and a sheet other than the special sheet on a manual sheet supply tray, wherein the mass of the special sheet is larger than the mass of the sheet other than the special sheet;

aligning rollers to align [the] leading edges of the special sheet and the sheet other than the special sheet supplied from the manual sheet supply unit and convey in the image forming direction; and

a sheet guide provided between the manual sheet supply unit and the aligning rollers, having special sheet ribs to control both sides of the special sheet and to guide the sheet other than the special sheet by passing the sheet other than the special sheet on [the] upper surfaces of the special sheet ribs, wherein the sheet guide further has a pressing member between the special sheet ribs, wherein the sheet guide further has a pressing member between the special sheet ribs that supports a side of the sheet other than the special sheet by pressing, and descends by a weight of the special sheet when the special sheet is inserted between the special sheet ribs.

10. (Currently amended) The sheet feeder in an image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the pressing member is made of a polyester film ~~that descends by an empty weight of the special sheet when the special sheet is inserted.~~